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DEQ Monitors Little Lake Oil Spill

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is working in cooperation with the Coast Guard, State Police and the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office to assess the potential environmental damage from Saturday's oil spill in Little Lake. While some marsh impact has been detected, DEQ officials monitoring the scene have reported no damage to wildlife or threats to the public. DEQ will continue to track possible damage.

According to DEQ officials on the scene, clean-up crews were able to recover 910 barrels of fluid (oil and water), deploy 26,400 feet of containment boom and 23,000 feet of absorbent boom. Oil booms act as life vests and float on top of the water. Oil collects in the booms from where it is then extracted. The booms along Little Lake are being moved to where they are most effective.

Due to today's weather, active oil recovery has been suspended, however, it is expected to resume tomorrow. The cause for the rupture in the pipeline that caused the spill is still being investigated. No time line has been set for the completion of the clean-up effort which is being monitored by DEQ.

DEQ also announced that BP Pipeline has established a hotline to report or claim damages. The number is 800-445-5846.